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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4689**  
Kenichi NAKABAYASHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1640A  
Serial No. 10/715,514 : Group Art Unit 3654  
Filed November 19, 2003 : Examiner T. H. Matthews  
ARTICLES SEPARATING AND : **Mail Stop AF**  
SUPPLYING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 3654**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the rejection mailed March 24, 2006, please consider the following remarks.